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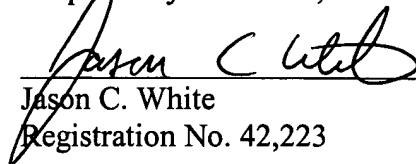
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandon in view of Mirville et al. Claims 5, 7, 12, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandon in view of Mirville et al. and further in view of Levine. Applicants reiterate their remarks made in their previous Response to Office Action and resubmit that the Examiner's proposed combination and modification of these references are improper for the several reasons stated therein.

Nonetheless, even if the references cited by the Examiner can be properly combined, Applicants submit that Claims 1-19, as amended herein, are patentable over the proposed combinations. Claims 1, 7, 8, and 14 have been amended to recite that a telephone network element that is disposed in a publicly switched telephone network is used to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party. Applicants submit that none of the references cited by the Examiner disclose this feature. Brandon, the main reference cited by the Examiner, discloses a modified telephone that is self-contained and that can retrieve stored information. (Col. 2, lines 25-35.) The modified telephone is connected to the public telephone network, but is not disposed within the public telephone network. (Col. 2, lines 36-39.) Accordingly, Brandon does not disclose a telephone network element that is disposed in a publicly switched telephone network and that is used to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party, as recited in Claims 1, 7, 8, and 14. In addition, none of the other references cited by the Examiner disclose this feature of Claims 1, 7, 8, and 14. For at least these reasons, Claims 1-19 are patentable over the Examiner's proposed combinations.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any

remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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APPENDIX A

The following highlighted changes have been made to Claims 1, 7, 8, and 14.

1. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a dialed service code from a calling party;

upon receiving the dialed service code, using a telephone network element that is disposed in a publicly switched telephone network to retrieve [retrieving] a list of parties previously called by the calling party;

generating an audio message based on the list;

communicating the audio message to the calling party;

receiving a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list; and

initiating a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.

7. (Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a vertical service code from a calling party;

receiving a personal identification number from the calling party;

upon receiving the vertical service code and the personal identification number, using a telephone network element that is disposed in a publicly switched telephone network to retrieve [retrieving] a list of parties previously called by the calling party;

generating a first audio message based on a first portion of the list, the first audio message comprising a first plurality of names of parties previously called by the calling party;

communication the first audio message to the calling party;

receiving a first dialed input from the calling party;

generating a second audio message based on a second portion of the list, the second audio

message comprising a second plurality of names of parties previously called by the calling party;

communicating the second audio message to the calling party;

receiving a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list; and initiating a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.

8. (Twice Amended) A system comprising:

at least one telephone network element that is disposed in a publicly switched telephone network to receive a dialed service code from a calling party, to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party upon receiving the dialed service code, to generate an audio message based on the list, to communicate the audio message to the calling party, to receive a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list, and to initiate a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.

14. (Twice Amended) A computer-readable medium whose contents cause at least one telephone network element that is disposed in a publicly switched telephone network to receive a dialed service code from a calling party, to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party upon receiving the dialed service code, to generate an audio message based on the list, to communicate the audio message to the calling party, to receive a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list, and to initiate a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.